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SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the body, only to repeat what the committee Chairman said in part, and that has to do with my portion of the committee amendments, and I do support the total committee amendments as well as LB 461 after its amendment...as amended. We had at least two cases in the state of Nebraska where under the old law a project had to be completed before the grant funds were approved, and the new provision was that programs wouldn't be eligible unless they were approved before they started. So we had two situations where schools had applied for and received permission, started their projects, didn't get them finished by the cutoff date that was provided in the change made in law and, yet, because they had started under the old law, they weren't able to be covered under the new one, and this does in fact correct that particular situation and allow us to carry forward, us being the state of Nebraska, with a promise that was made and allow the completion of those projects that had been started and the funding of those projects had been started under an authorization under the old law. With that, I support the committee amendments.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Seeing no other lights, Senator Schrock, you're recognized to close on the committee amendments. He waives that opportunity. The question is the adoption of the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of committee amendments.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Committee amendments are adopted. We're now debating advancement of the bill. Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members, if Senator Aguilar would respond to a question.

SENATOR AGUILAR: Yes, I will.

SENATOR SMITH: Senator Aguilar, I have your handout here and it points out that there's approximate savings to Grand Island,